

MEMORANDUM

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INSTRUCTIONS APPLYSECRET/SENSITIVE

July 28, 1972

MEMORANDUM FOR:

HENRY A. KISSINGER

FROM:

AL HAIG

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SUBJECT:

Kurdish Problem

Attached is a memorandum [redacted] which outlines the results of his and Kennedy's discussions with the Kurdish representatives and contains a proposal for U.S. action. The proposal provides for two categories of assistance to Barzani:

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-- Financial and Munitions.

25X1 -- On the Financial side, the proposal would provide, in addition to contributions [redacted]  
25X1 [redacted] the sum of [redacted] from the U.S.  
25X1 over one year. [redacted] 25X1  
25X1 [redacted] with the full knowledge of the Shah and Barzani. 25X1

25X1 -- With respect to munitions, the U.S. would supply roughly [redacted] in supplies (exclusive of transportation costs). [redacted]  
25X1 [redacted]  
25X1 [redacted] Details on costing are at Enclosure 3 of the attached memorandum.

25X1 [redacted] A case could be made that it is more important than ever due to the recent events in Egypt which will probably result in more intense Soviet efforts in Iraq. At the same time, sensitivity increases immeasurably in the light of Soviet paranoia resulting from events in Egypt.

JCS review completed.

Procedurally, we have two options:

25X1 -- [redacted] go directly by memorandum to the President and then deal solely with OMB [redacted] 25X1  
25X1 [redacted] or

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-- Inform [ ] principals only -- Johnson, Rush, the Chairman JCS [ ] -- but avoid any paper work and tell them that the President wants this done.

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Recommendation:

I think we should pursue the latter course in the event something blows and we could insist that established procedures were followed. Furthermore, I doubt very much that the operation can be conducted without its surfacing in official channels at some point.

If you agree, I will have this converted to a memorandum to the President for your approval and advise him that we are instructing the principals only of his decision and move [ ] and OMB, to get the action accomplished.

Approve HK

Disapprove \_\_\_\_\_

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Attachments

*Get it done next week by Landau, memo to principals.*

*HK*

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